

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

STATE OF NEW YORK, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, STATE OF COLORADO, STATE OF CONNECTICUT, STATE OF DELAWARE, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, STATE OF HAWAII, STATE OF ILLINOIS, STATE OF MAINE, STATE OF MARYLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN, STATE OF MINNESOTA, STATE OF NEVADA, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, STATE OF OREGON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, STATE OF VERMONT, COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, and STATE OF WISCONSIN,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; ALEX M. AZAR II, *in his official capacity as Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services*; and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:20-CV-05583-AKH

**AFFIDAVIT OF NELI N. PALMA IN  
SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR  
ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE**

I, Neli N. Palma, being duly sworn, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney licensed by the State of California. I am employed as a Deputy Attorney General with the Office of the Attorney General, and serve as lead counsel of record for plaintiff State of California in this matter.
2. I submit this affidavit in support of my motion for admission to practice Pro Hac Vice in the above-captioned matter on behalf of Plaintiff State of California.

3. As shown in the Certificates of Good Standing annexed hereto as Exhibits A and B, I am a member in good standing of the Bar of California.

4. There are no pending disciplinary proceedings against me in any state or federal court.

5. I have not been convicted of a felony.

6. I have not been censured, suspended, disbarred, or denied admission or admission by any court.

7. Wherefore, I respectfully request that I be permitted to appear as counsel and advocate Pro Hac Vice in this one case for Plaintiff State of California.

I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States and California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in Sacramento, California on July 24, 2020.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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State of California, County of Sacramento  
Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this  
24 day of July 2020 by Neli N Palma  
proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence  
to be the person(s) who appeared before me.

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(Signature of Notary)

